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SUBJECT: STATISTICS ON JAPANESE BULLDOZER EXPORTS TO

--- CHINA.

1. ACCORDING TO THE 1974 FOREIGN TRADE YEARBOOK

-- PUBLISHED BY JAPAN TARIFF ASSOCIATION, EXPORTS

-- OF BULLDOZERS, SITC NO. 718425, TO THE PEOPLE'S

-- REPUBLIC OF CHINA WERE VALUED AT 713 MILLION YEN

-- (APPROXIMATELY U.S. DOLS. 2.4 MILLION). IF THE VALUE

-- AND UNIT NUMBERS GIVEN ARE CORRECT THEN THE UNIT

-- PRICE OF THE BULLDOZERS IS ABNORMALLY LOW. REQUEST

-- POST CONTACT MITI TO VERIFY FIGURES FOR 1974, 1973,

-- AND 1972 IN THIS CATEGORY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, IN 1972 CHINA CONTRACTED

-- WITH KOMATSU FOR 1,192 BULLDOZERS, VALUED AT

-- APPROXIMATELY U.S. DOLS. 43.8 MILLION, TO BE DELIVERED

-- BY JANUARY 1975. REQUEST POST CONTACT MITI OR KOMATSU

-- FOR INFORMATION ON HOW MANY MACHINES DELIVERED TO DATE

-- WITH BREAKDOWN BY SIZE AND VALUE, IF POSSIBLE.

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3. THIS DATA, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO KOMATSU, WILL BE

-- INCLUDED IN REPORT BEING PUBLISHED BY COMMERCE IN NEXT
-- FEW WEEKS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CABLING INFORMATION
-- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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